

# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an entry or claim application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application No.	09/844,448
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicants may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53 (a) (P.T. 2000/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice. Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 51091 (Aug. 10, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14803 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1232 Off. Gaz. Fed. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (any unexamined amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment and Response.
- ii. ☐ One-Month Petition for Extension of Time.
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other.

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(n) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months, see under 37 CFR § 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(c) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.
- i. ☒ RCE Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(c) [Fee: \$790.00]
- ii. ☐ Extension of time (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent Required

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